GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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DROUGHT CONDITION IN A.P.
A.P. JITHENDER REDDY

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that certain districts in Andhra Pradesh including Mehboobnagar are drought prone;

(b) if so, whether any assessment has been made by the Government about the damages and loss suffered by these districts during the last three years;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of assistance provided to the State during the said period and how this was utilised?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): 22 districts in Andhra Pradesh including Mehboobnagar have been affected by drought during 2002-03.

(b) & (c): Inter-Ministerial Central Teams were deputed during 2001-02 and 2002-03 forassessment of the situation in the wake of drought.

(d): Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for 2001-02 and 2002-03 have been releasedto Andhra Pradesh for undertaking immediate relief measures in the wake of natural calamities including drought. In addition, Rs.13.72 crores from National Calamity Contingency Fund(NCCF) has so far been released for the drought of 2002-03.Distribution at the ground level is the responsibility of the State Government.